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ILLICIT TRAFFIC

Greece

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CHAPTER VIII. ILLICIT TRAFFIC (Form of Annual Reports E/NR. Form 1983)

Paragraphs

A. GENERAL

90. Illicit traffic in drugs: Yes.

Illicit cultivation, harvesting, manufacture; diversion from licit channels

91a-92b. -

93a-b. Small-scale scattered illicit cannabis cultivation was detected in several parts of the country and 1 489 plants were destroyed in campaigns undertaken by the competent authorities. 180 cannabis plants were discovered in a green house in Patras.

94a-b. No.

95a-b. 1 207 762 wild cannabis plants were discovered and destroyed between the months of May and August 1983.

96a-b. No.

97a-b. Codeine (510 doses), opium (90 g), morphine (721 ampoules), pethidine (1 784 doses), dextropropoxyphene (501 doses), amobarbital and hydrocodone were diverted by theft from pharmacies and by diversion of consignments arriving from abroad in the following towns and areas: Athens, Thessaloniki, Patra, Katerini and Volos.

Smuggling and trafficking

98a-99. In 1983, there were 59 cases of smuggling narcotics into Greece. Drugs were found hidden in specially-prepared hiding places in traffickers' cars or concealed internally. Land, air, sea and mails were the usual means of transport. No new trafficking routes or methods of transport appeared. Cannabis resin was recently also detected concealed in cigarette packets and Nescafe tins.

100a. Drugs seized in 1983:

	Weight/quantity	Number of seizures
Opium	1 kg 103 g	8
Morphine	500 mg	1
Heroin	14 kg 929 g	146
Coca leaf	49 g	5
Cocaine	176 g	7
Cannabis	186 kg 130 g	371
Liquid cannabis	476 g	5
Cannabis plants	4 889 plants	89
Barbiturates	-	10
LSD	18 doses	3

100b. In 1983 there was a considerable decrease in the quantity of heroin and cannabis seized compared with the previous year. This is because in 1982 some large seizures (i.e. 28 kg of heroin and 8 000 kg of cannabis) were reported in single incidents.

Prices and purity of illicit drugs

101a-b.

Wholesale (per kg):	Dr.	US$*/
Opium	4 000 000 - 5 000 000	48 000 - 60 000
Heroin	11 000 000 - 13 000 000	132 000 - 156 000
Cannabis	100 000 - 120 000	1 200 - 1 440
Cannabis resin	150 000 - 170 000	1 800 - 2 040
Retail:		
Opium	6 000 - 7 000	72 - 84 per g
Heroin	18 000 - 20 000	216 - 240 per g
Cocaine	8 000 - 12 000	96 - 144 per g
Cannabis	180 000 - 200 000	2 160 - 2 400 per kg
Cannabis resin	230 000 - 250 000	2 760 - 3 000 per kg
Barbiturates-tranquillizers	200 - 300	2.40 - 3.60 per dose
LSD	400 - 500	4.80 - 6.00 per dose

101c-d. Information on purity of drugs is not available.

Prosecutions

102. 1 039 persons were arrested and 566 prosecuted in connection with the following drugs:

	Number of persons arrested	Number of persons prosecuted
Opium	17	12
Morphine	2	2
Heroin	314	238
Cocaine	16	8
Cannabis plants and seeds	126	44
Cannabis and cannabis resin	492	252
Amphetamines and other stimulants	1	1
Barbiturates	63	1
Depressants	6	6
LSD and other hallucinogens	2	2

103a-b. No.

*/ Rate of exchange: Dr. 1 = US$ 0.012

104a-b. The following foreigners, inter-alia, were involved: Germans (Federal Republic) - 23; Italians - 17; French - 15; Americans and Egyptians - 10 each; British - 8; Lebanese - 6; Australians, Netherlanders, Norwegians, Russians, Syrians and Tanzanians - 3 each; Austrians, Belgians, Chileans, Moroccans, Sudanese and Yugoslavs - 2 each.

B. ORGANIZATION OF ENFORCEMENT

105-109b. See E/IT/1976/20.

Suggestions

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